



Sunday 14th December – Advent 3

10:30am

**Youth and Children Take-over Service
Follow that Star!
Anything could happen!**

4:30pm

**Carols Round the Crib – Café Church with mince pies
Come and sing your favourite carols as we begin the journey to
celebrate the Coming of Christ!**



If you are new to St Luke's Church (online too!) – welcome. Please email your details to office@stlukeswatford.org and we will email back a welcome form for you to complete.

Weekly updates by email – contact church office if you would like to receive them

St Luke's Church Office ☎ 01923 246161 **Church Website:** <https://www.stlukeswatford.org/>

The office is closed on Wednesdays and 24th December until 5th January 2026

December

Tuesday 16th

10:00 Holy Communion
17:30 – 18:45 Kid's Club – Christmas Party - Hall
19:00 – 21:00 Parminter's Christmas 9 Lessons and Carols - Church
20:00 Focus - Zoom

Thursday 18th

09:15 Nursery Nativity in Cassiobury Infants School
19:00 – 21:00 Carols at the Essex Arms

Friday 19th

10:00 – 11:00 Hour of Prayer – Chapel
17:00 – 19:00 Holiday Club Short – Christmas Party

Sunday 21st

Advent 4
10:30 Nativity Service
18:30 9 Lessons and Carols by Candlelight

Christmas is coming....



St Lukes Watford
Christmas

Child friendly

Carols & mince pies around the Crib

Sunday 14th December, 4.30pm

Holiday Club Short (ages 4 - 11)

Friday 19th December, 5 - 7pm

Nativity service

Sunday 21st December, 10.30am

Christingle, Christmas Eve

Wednesday 24th December, 4.30pm

Christmas Day, Family all age service

Thursday 25th December, 10.30am

Finishing with optional short Holy Communion

Christmas events

Carols at the Essex Arms

Thursday 18th December, 7 - 9pm

Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 21st December, 6.30pm

Christmas Eve, Midnight communion

Wednesday 24th December, 11.30pm

Christmas Day, Communion with Carols

Thursday 25th December, 9am

Advent Candles

We'll be lighting advent candles
every Sunday morning service
at 10.30am during December

FYI: most church services last around an hour

Langley Way, Watford WD17 3EG

www.stlukeswatford.org/christmas



Thank you to all the stalwart Santa Helpers for their extraordinary preparation and efforts to produce absolutely beautiful love-filled hampers for those who face a tough time at Christmas.

Celebrations: Please let us know of any anniversaries and birthdays you would like to share with your church family in Christ.

Next Sunday morning – 21st December – is our Church Nativity when we will do the Nativity from the animals' point of view narrated by a Dormouse! We invite children to come in costume (dog, rabbit, mole, mouse, donkey, ox, owl, lizard, sheep, camel etc) or to come early and dress up in the church nativity clothes. The story will be a narrated telling of the Nativity with the children acting it out.

Please pray for our 9 Lessons and Carols by Candlelight service at 6:30pm on Sunday 21st December as we welcome many people from our community.

Help needed for Christingle Making on Christmas Eve. Production line will start at 2:30pm for a 4:30pm start to the service. Young and older are welcome to join in the fun!

Please collect your Christmas stamps and put them in the box in the foyer. Pam W is sorting them for various charities.

Actors urgently needed - casting is nearly complete for our Sunday morning performances of Acts in January and February 2026.

We still need:

Jan 11th - 3 actors; Feb 1st - 2 actors; Feb 15th 8 actors

Parts have from 2 to 10 lines each and no memorisation needed.

If you haven't already offered your acting skills and want to be part of these dramas, please contact Pam N at pam.stlukes@gmail.com You must be available for the rehearsals at 6 pm on the Saturday night before the Sunday play, and at 9 am on the day of the play. **Props and help** - if you would like to make props or help back stage, let us know.

New Wine Women's Day Saturday 7th February 2026 New Wine Women's Day Update. This event will be held at Christ Church Barnet, EN5 4LA and tickets cost £25. We are asking people to make their own way there but lifts can be organised for those of you needing one. If you would like to come along, go to <https://new-wine.org/reset-book-tickets/>. More details to follow.

Collect for the Third Sunday of Advent

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger

to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Let us pray for the world and the leaders of the world. At home, please pray for the church, and let us thank God for his goodness. Let us encourage one another to go deeper into God's Word, to pray and to persevere.

World Watch List: Vietnam (*44th area of religious persecution*)

Partners in Mission: Please pray for New Hope's Christmas appeal, 'Home for Christmas' www.newhope.org.uk/home

Please pray for Jessica Sullivan and James Sweeney as they are married at St Mary Magdalene Church, Latimer on Friday 19th December.

Our church family in need: Gill E; Di and Jeff G; Cynthia D; Barbara T; Veronica C; Alured D; Pat W.

Our wider family and friends in need: C. Gou, Stephanie's dad; Graham, Jeremy's dad; Alison M, Bill M's sister; Brenda and Peter T; Jean, Pam R's mum; Heather S; John M and Valerie, friends of David W; Penny A's niece, Jo; Andrew C's brother Tony; Pam N's mother, Eileen R and brother Stephen R; Janine (Gill E's sister) and others we know and love.

Those in mourning: Angela F for her good friend, **Christopher** and all those we know mourning loved ones at this time.

Giving Thanks: We give thanks for the many answers to prayer this week. The next prayer list is **purple**. Please do take one home to pray over.